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JOPLIN STUDENT WINS AWARD AT INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

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A **Joplin-Inverness** High School student was one of 18 Montana students to compete with more than 1,200 of the most talented young scientists from all 50 states and 40 countries at the 54th Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Cleveland.

Laine Frances Lybeck and the other Montana students earned the right to compete in the international event by winning top grand awards and expense-paid trips at regional science fairs held earlier this year, followed by the statewide Montana Science Fair at The University of Montana.

Lybeck won a \$1,000 First Place Award in Crops from the American Society of Agronomy for her botany project titled "The Rate of Infestation of Parasitoids (*Bracon caphi*) and Wheat Stem Sawfly (*Cephus cinctus*) on Spring Wheat Compared to Barley."

More than \$3 million was awarded in scholarships, tuition grants, internships, scientific equipment, trips, grand awards and cash prizes at the largest pre-college science fair in the world.

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